



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2014

GEN



GC
974.102
C44AR,
1903

Annual Report

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Millard F. Hammond.
Albion.
Me.

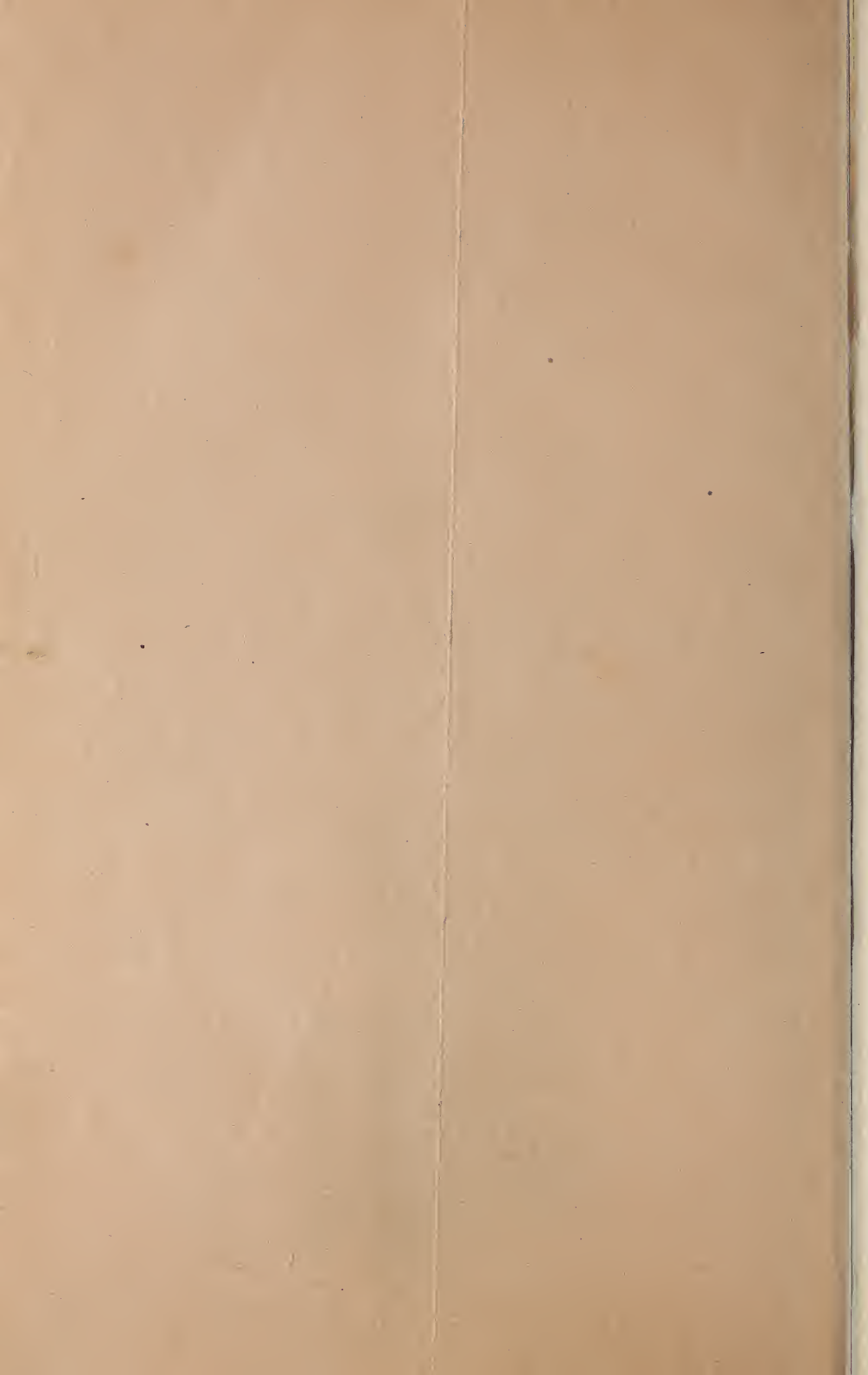
Town of China

FOR THE

Year Ending March 6,

1903.

E. C Bowler, Publisher, Bethel, Maine.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of China
FOR THE
Year Ending, March 6th,
1903.

*Millard F. Hammond,
Albion,
Me.*

BETHEL, ME.
E. C. BOWLER, PUBLISHER,
1903.

Allen County Public Library

Assessors' Report.

Valuation 1902.

Real estate, resident,	\$371,545	
“ “ non resident,	27,005	\$398,550
		<hr/>
Personal estate, resident,	\$78,110	
“ “ non resident,	1,190	79,300
		<hr/>
Total valuation,		\$477,850
No. of polls, 395.		
Rate of taxation, .019.		

A. P. MOSHER,	{	<i>Assessors of China.</i>
A. R. WARD,		
I. H. REED.		

Selectmen's Report.

Resources.

Tax deeds,	\$ 423 64
Cash,	307 12
Uncollected taxes of 1901,	2967 91

State tax,	1483 53
County tax,	513 87
Town tax, and overlayings,	8410 29
Refunded dog licenses,	65 90
Received from State, damage to sheep..	74 00
" " Fairfield, bill of 1901,...	263 07
" " " " " 1902,...	217 19
" " Belfast for Andrew Rob-	
bins,	2 00
" " Unity for Philip Childs, ..	3 75
" " Vassalboro for Yorks, ...	367 68
" " Augusta for Lydia Smith,	11 35
" " Albion for schools,	16 20
" " old lumber,	2 00
" " Supplementary tax	3 70
State school fund,	892 49

\$16,025 69

Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Paid J. F. Pierce, blank books and sta-	
tionery,	\$ 5 40
" G. J. Nelson, M. D., reporting births	
and deaths,	2 75
" F. E. Earle, M.D., reporting births	
and deaths,	2 50
" W. L. Watson, M. D., reporting	
births and deaths,	1 75
" W. W. Washburn, recording vital	
statistics,	10 50
" W. W. Washburn dog license	
blanks,	1 25

Millard F. Hammond,
TOWN,
Me.

TOWN REPORT.

5

Paid For Special Police	3 50
“ H. H. Hall for care of Town House,	3 00
“ A. J. Billings Post G. A. R.,	10 00
“ J. P. Jones, “ “ “ “	10 00
“ E. C. Bowler, printing town reports,	28 00
“ Express on town reports.	1 25
“ Geo. D. Loring, valuation book,	2 25
“ G. J. Nelson, town physician,	50 00
“ C. W. Jones, damage to sheep,	11 00
“ W. E. Colley, “ “ “	22 00
“ Leon Hebert, “ “ “	8 50
“ C. F. Abbott, “ “ “	8 00
“ J. W. Morrill, “ “ “	7 00
“ F. O. Bonney, “ “ “	3 50
“ H. M. Crommett “ “ “	3 50
“ Martin Webber, “ “ “	3 00
“ Samuel A. Clark, “ “ “	3 50
“ F. O. Bonney abatement 1901-02,	115 73
“ “ “ “ percentage “ “	192 91
“ “ “ “ postage, blanks and money orders,	6 37
“ J. A. Jones postage and stationery	1 50
“ H. P. Reed, “ “ “	6 00
“ A. P. Mosher, cash expense,	15 75
“ A. R. Ward, “ “	3 75
“ I. H. Reed, “ “	2 25

\$546 41

Pauper Expenses off Farm.

Paid W. L. Watson, M. D., medical at- tendance for Leroy Witham,	\$ 3 00
---	---------

Paid Insane Hospital for E. Norton, . . .	144 41
" Crommett & Bradstreet for Jane Holbrook,	10 25
" M. M. Small, M. D., for Jane Hol- brook,	3 00
" Crommett & Bradstreet for A. A. York,	19 00
" Worthing & Moody for A. A. York, .	47 00
" D. A. Ridley, M. D., " " " "	
medical attendance 1901,	9 75
" W. R. Ward, for Wellington York, .	68 74
" G. J. Nelson, M. D., for Wellington York medical attendance	3 00
" W. R. Ward for Alonzo York	15 06
" Rowe Bros., " " "	210 87
" G. J. Nelson M. D., for Alonzo York and family, medical attendance . . .	23 00
" Rowe Bros. for Geo. York,	4 00
" Worthing & Moody for Geo. York, .	30 00
" G. J. Nelson, M. D., " " "	
and wife, medical attendance,	9 00
" Crommett & Bradstreet for S. B. York,	106 95
" Crommett & Bradstreet for Mary A. York,	20 00
" Worthing & Moody for Mary A. York,	15 00
" G. J. Nelson, M. D., medicine for Mary A. York,	50
" Worthing & Moody for Frank York, .	3 00
" " " " " Lydia J. Smith,	7 35
" D. A. Ridley, M. D., for Lydia J. Smith, medical attendance.	2 00

Paid G. J. Nelson, M. D., for Lydia J. Smith, medical attendance,	2 00
" D. A. Ridley, M. D., for Philip Childs, medical attendance,	3 75
" D. A. Ridley, M. D., for Geo. Norton's wife, medical attendance,	21 00
" G. J. Nelson, M. D., for Geo. Norton's wife, medical attendance,	5 00
" Worthing & Moody for Andrew Robbins,	2 00
" C. J. Lincoln, M. D., for Willard Hustus, medical attendance,	4 50
" C. J. Lincoln, M. D., for Harris Hallowell at Augusta,	25 00
" Town of Weld for support and burial expenses of Geo. Turner,	52 50
" Town of Benton for support and burial expenses of O. B. Buker,	98 08
" W. R. Ward, supplies for Daniel Boynton,	9 25
" C. J. Main, wood for Daniel Boynton,	8 00

\$985 96

Of this sum, other towns have paid as follows :

Unity for Philip Childs,	\$ 3 75	
Augusta for Lydia J. Smith,	11 35	
Belfast for Andrew Robbins,	2 00	
Fairfield for Yorks,	217 19	
Vassalboro for Yorks,	367 68	
Due from Palermo for Geo. Norton,	26 00	
" " Whitefield for Jane Holbrook,	13 25	641 22

Leaving cost of poor off farm, \$346 74

Poor on Farm.

Paid E. W. Haskell and wife, Supt.,	\$250 00
“ F. E. Earle, M. D., medical attendance,	18 80
“ J. R. B. Dinsmore, fertilizer,	14 17
“ H. P. Reed, horse rake,	18 00
“ H. P. Reed for supplies,	42 36
“ A. R. Burrill, “ “	73 04
“ T. S. Farrington for supplies,	64 35
“ W. F. Hawes,	85 20

\$565 92

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid A. P. Mosher, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of poor,	\$133 00
“ A. R. Ward, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of poor,	35 00
“ I. H. Reed, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of poor,	64 75
“ J. A. Jones, Superintendent of Schools,	100 00
“ W. W. Washburn, services as Town Clerk,	10 00
“ O. F. Sproul, Moderator and Audi- tor	4 00
“ W. H. Jones, Moderator,	2 00
“ H. P. Reed, services as Truant Officer,	4 00
“ J. W. Brown, services on School Committee,	10 00

Paid E. M. Dowe, services on School Committee,	12 25
“ W. F. Hawes, services on School Committee,	12 50
“ A. L. Mosher, services as Ballot Clerk,	1 50
“ E. A. Dudley, services as Ballot Clerk,	1 50
“ W. E. Ward, services as Ballot Clerk,	1 50
T. S. Farrington, services as Ballot Clerk,	1 50

\$393 50

Paid for breaking down snow and repairing washouts, winter of 1901-02, . .

\$1667 88

Paid for labor and material on highway, summer of 1902 as follows :

O. J. Crane,	\$ 6 00
J. M. Goodspeed,	3 75
C. H. Freeman,	3 75
L. W. Jones,	4 25
J. A. Jones,	6 87
C. W. Emerson,	1 75
J. S. Burns,	1 50
Sumner Hawes,	2 30
M. M. Trask,	1 50
Frank Sproul, plank,	7 19
S. C. Starrett,	4 75
Harry Cole,	1 50
Sarah Cotton,	7 00
E. B. Taylor,	80
A. L. Mosher,	6 01

P. W. Dodge,	75
Hollis Kellar,	6 00
Willis Philbrick, repairs on road machine,	10 50
B. W. Clifford,	3 00
William Harmon and Son,	8 00
Chas. Jackson,	12 00
Raymond Hall,	1 35
Wm. A. Crossman,	1 85
J. F. Crossman,	1 70
C. W. Morrill,	10 16
W. H. Morrill,	10 16
Chas. Chandler,	9 00
Geo. A. Jackson,	10 05
Myron Harmon,	8 25
Geo. F. Weeks,	5 00
Geo. M. Crossman,	20 00
O. P. Holt,	3 00
Geo. Gamsbey,	2 25
Geo. Marr,	1 00
I. L. Jones,	15 22
Llewellyn Jackson,	6 00
Jona B. Clark,	3 50
Woodbury Emerson,	45
O. W. Jones,	12 63
O. M. Fernald,	9 90
F. E. Hall,	1 25
Wm. A. Crossman,	95
J. R. B. Dinsmore,	4 50
Worthing & Moody,	7 00
Silas Crommett,	7 50
O. W. Jones,	12 25
J. N. Sprague,	6 50
Frank Young,	3 50

Walter Snell,	3 90
E. A. Dudley,	26 02
Ray Haskell,	50
E. E. Haskell,	83
A. S. Bean,	3 00
W. E. Haskell,	6 30
Henry Tyler,	6 68
James L. Turner,	2 25
L. B. Robinson,	15 71
Edmund Bragg,	50
Hadley Kellar,	3 00
R. H. Reed,	19 50
Henry Talbot,	2 25
J. E. Thurston,	16 35
Michael Thomas,	1 50
A. N. Thurston,	12 00
Alvah Howe,	3 00
Harris Doe,	3 00
A. S. Bartlett,	4 50
Wm. A. Fletcher,	3 00
A. C. Titcomb,	2 25
F. S. Mitchell,	3 50
E. F. Abbott,	7 00
B. C. Wentworth,	1 00
E. E. Wentworth,	3 50
Frank Patterson,	1 75
F. C. Ward,	1 75
A. R. Ward,	15 75
Geo. Wentworth,	7 00
C. R. Getchell,	44 35
Thomas Foster,	11 25
W. H. Jones,	9 75
J. U. Hall,	8 00
Chas. Main,	3 65

Frank Jepson,	1 65
E. P. Pullen,	3 50
F. M. Besse,	6 25
G. F. Thurston,	20 00
W. F. Morse,	19 00
R. B. Gardner,	3 50
A. R. Burrill, plank and spikes,	15 40
Geo. Marr,	75
J. F. Crossman,	60
J. E. Crossman,	30
J. H. Reed,	29 12
Maurice Jackson,	4 00
R. E. Hallowell,	7 20
J. P. Ellis,	7 80
N. T. Hallowell, building culvert,	15 00
G. F. Thurston and W. F. Morse for re- pairing Parmenter Hill,	200 00
Wm. Hodgkins,	7 50
C. R. Hatch,	17 55
Silas Bowden,	6 00
Robert R. Hallowell,	8 75
S. G. Parmenter,	75
H. J. Haskell,	11 17
Martin Webber,	8 00
Geo. F. Clark,	1 95
J. W. Morrill,	11 00
F. H. Jones,	3 75
W. H. Broad,	2 25
Mansel Farnsworth,	5 00
W. S. Hunnewell,	9 50
Ed Lewis,	75
A. N. Goodwin,	21 75
G. A. Clark,	5 00
Frank Lee,	1 55

Chas. Choate,	1 50
V. R. Neal,	12 50
H. P. Reed,	12 05
Aaron Davis,	2 00
Forrest Hallowell,	1 50
James T. Cook,	11 70
John Small, building culvert,	10 07
Chas. Crommett, " "	1 07
A. P. Mosher,	5 75
S. B. York,	75
Chas. Jackson,	1 50
E. W. Jones,	5 25
Geo. H. Freeman,	12 00
Geo. A. Jackson,	2 50
Eben Hallowell,	4 20
J. H. Mosher,	7 15
Walter Tobey,	2 32
Elihu Hanson,	15 50
J. O. Bragg,	2 50
Chas. H. Doe,	75
Nelson Page,	75
C. G. Dinsmore,	24 25
W. R. Webber, repairing Webber Hill,	44 75
S. B. York,	75
O. F. Sproul,	2 25
Edward Thurston,	1 00
F. O. Bonney,	3 20
B. G. Taylor,	3 00
F. O. Burgess,	1 73
F. D. Rand,	2 15
Peter Taylor,	4 50
W. H. Snell,	1 50
I. T. Merrill,	3 05
C. L. P. Handy,	2 72

W. B. Shuman,	1 80
Frank Sproul, building culvert,	6 00
J. U. Goodwin,	1 65
A. R. Ward,	3 25
J. F. Plummer,	40 68
A. G. Malcolm,	30 45
Fred Choate,	68
A. A. Malcolm,	90
J. A. Banks,	13 55
Isaiah Wiggin,	8 85
F. C. Plummer,	3 50
Welcome Reed,	5 70
Eben and Charles Hallowell,	20 00
Eugene Peva,	5 86
Frank Peva,	1 80
Sarah Cotton,	2 90
Chas. Hallowell,	1 50
Levi Stuart,	3 75
A. P. Mosher,	7 25
Edward Webber,	5 20
W. F. Mills,	5 20
Chas. Clark,	2 80
A. P. Morrill,	8 60
J. B. Morrill,	8 70
Alex. Bassett,	8 60
Warren Morrill,	1 00
Fred Fitzgerald,	13 15
Philander Freeman,	6 75
Daniel L. Clark,	11 05
J. O. Bragg,	1 20
A. D. Chadwick,	10 50
E. R. Chadwick,	4 75
Bert Wixon,	3 00
Melvin Wixon,	2 25

M. L. Sabin, repairing Webber Hill,	25 05
Andrew Webber, " " "	50 00
C. W. Randall, " " "	15 75
Willis Philbrick,	5 00
C. E. Dutton,	12 30
E. E. Dutton,	1 50
Geo. L. Starkey,	6 50
Fred Gerald,	1 50
Henry Lewis,	10 05
Clarence Abbott,	9 00
Chas. Bailey,	9 25
John Goodwin,	90
John Goddard,	2 70
W. F. Ward,	7 25
O. U. G. Ward,	6 75
Henry Burgess,	5 00
Henry Kenric,	2 25
David LaMere,	1 50
E. E. Randall,	5 25
C. A. Pinkham,	3 50
C. W. Jones,	5 25
E. C. Bailey,	7 50
Lot J. Randall,	6 00
Fred Bragg,	5 25
L. B. Mitchell,	3 50
H. N. Randall,	37 85
John A. Peva,	7 70
Frank Clark,	6 00
H. P. Reed, spikes,	1 02
H. L. Pinkham, watering place.	3 00
W. S. Tobey,	4 00
W. E. Colley,	32 75
Levi and Eben Hallowell for building bridge at Weeks' Mills,	475 00

Clyde Seekins,	2 25	
Fred B. Foye,	5 80	
		<hr/>
Total amount paid,		\$3881 69

General Statement of Expenditures.

Paid for Roads and Bridges and the		
Breaking down of Snow,	\$3881 69	
" for Miscellaneous Expenditures, ...	546 41	
" " Town Officers,	393 50	
" " Poor off Farm,	943 46	
" " " on "	565 92	
" " Text Books,	330 04	
" " Schools,	2715 13	
" " Interest,	374 50	
" " State Tax,	1483 53	
" " County Tax,	523 73	
" " Old Orders,	689 77	
" " Town Bonds,	1100 00	
		<hr/>
		\$13,547 68
Resources,	\$16,025 69	
Expenditures,	13,547 68	
		<hr/>
	\$2478 01	
Unpaid orders,	239 41	
		<hr/>
		\$2717 42

Leaving in hands of F. O. Bonney,
Collector and Treasurer, as follows :

Cash,	\$ 40 00
Tax deeds,	328 70

Uncollected taxes,	2348 72	\$2717 42
--------------------------	---------	-----------

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid orders,	\$ 239 41
Interest on town bonds,	134 75
County tax,	513 87
Amount due for text books,	339 32
Town bonds,	11,900 00

\$13,127 35

Resources in hands of Collector and

Treasurer,\$2717 42

Due from Palermo for Geo. Norton's fam-

ily, 26 00

Due from Whitefield for Jane Holbrook, .

13 25 2756 67

Town indebtedness,\$10,370 68

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct, with proper vouchers on file for the same.

C. W. JONES, *Auditor of Accounts**For the Town of China.*

China, Me., March 6, 1903.

Receipts of Town Farm Superintendent for the Year Ending March 2, 1903.

Cash on hand from last year,	\$ 25
For eggs sold,	19 35
" butter and milk,	18 32
" veal calves,	11 00
" cow hide,	3 50

For potatoes,	37 72	
“ use of hearse,	15 00	\$105 14

Disbursements.

Paid for supplies,	\$ 83 38	
“ “ repairing boots,	1 75	
“ “ felts and rubbers,	2 00	
“ “ planting corn,	1 00	
“ “ medical attendance,	1 00	
“ “ horse shoeing,	5 50	
“ “ veterinary services,	4 00	
“ “ use of male animal,	5 0	
“ seed potatoes,	1 80	
Cash on hand,	21	
“ pigs,	4 00	\$105 14

Inventory of Stock and Produce on Farm.

1 horse,	\$ 125 00
4 cows,	120 00
1 yearling,	10 00
1 veal calf,	7 00
2 swine,	12 00
40 hens,	12 00
20 tons of hay,	8 00
1/2 “ “ straw,	2 00
1 “ “ corn fodder,	2 00
Potatoes, 15 bu.,	9 00
Beans, 2 1/2 bu.,	6 00
Pork, 100 lbs.,	10 00
Ham, 25 “	3 00

Beets, 2 bu.,	1 00	
Turnips, 2 bu.,	1 00	
Oats, 12 bu.,	4 80	
Mowing machine,	10 00	
Farm wagon and hay rack,	20 00	
Horse rake,	18 00	
2 hand hoes,	50	
3 wood saws complete,	1 50	
1 axe,	50	
Shovels, forks, and rakes,	2 00	
1 plough,	6 00	
Hay fork and rope,	4 00	
Horse sled,	2 00	
Express wagon,	10 00	
Chains,	2 00	
Ox cart and wheels,	6 00	
1 iron bar,	1 00	
2 harnesses,	20 00	
1 harrow,	10 00	
2 stone drills,	2 00	
1 steel scraper,	6 00	\$454 30

The care of our Almshouse was again intrusted to Mr. Haskell and wife who have filled the place to our satisfaction. The present number of inmates at the farm is six. No deaths have occurred during the year. Two have been admitted. It will be seen by the report that expenses of the poor off the farm have been quite large. Owing to the feeble condition of the persons we were unable to remove them to the almshouse after being notified.

The roads, which have been under our supervision for the year, have received our careful attention. Owing to the freshet of December, 1901, the roads were in very bad condition.

Some of the hills were so badly damaged that the cost of repairing them was large. Some of the bridges were very badly damaged ; the bridge at Weeks' Mills was completely destroyed and was rebuilt the past summer. There are bridges in town which need repairing. We were unable to do so this year, owing to our appropriation.

It will be seen by the report that our bonded indebtedness has been decreased eleven hundred dollars, and we would recommend that the town raise and appropriate a sum of money this year for the purpose of liquidating the bonded debt.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. MOSHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
A. R. WARD,		} <i>of</i>
I. H. REED,		} <i>China.</i>

Report of Superintendent of Schools

For the Year Ending, March 6, 1903.

Financial Statement.

RESOURCES.

Balance of unexpended money, '02,	\$ 123 63
Town appropriation,	1380 00
State school fund,	892 49
Amount received from town of Albion,	16 20

Total resources,	\$2412 32
----------------------------	-----------

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for teachers' wages,	\$1574 75
“ “ “ transportation,	632 85
“ “ “ fuel,	96 69
“ “ “ janitors' services,	5 90

Net expenses,	\$2310 19
Balance unexpended,	102 13
	2412 32

Text-Book Account.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$ 200 00	
Credit for books returned,	28 86	
Town of Albion, for use of text-books,	70	
		<hr/>
Total,		\$229 56

EXPENDITURES.

Bills for purchase of text-books,	\$ 153 63	
“ “ express on text-books,	4 85	
		<hr/>
Total,	\$ 158 48	
Balance unexpended,	71 08	\$229 56

Number of scholars in town on the first day of April, A. D.,
1902, 323

School Register.

Name of School.	Term.	Name of Teacher.	Enrollment.	Av. Attendance.	Wages.	Pupils not absent one-half day.	Length of Term in Weeks.
Stanley Hill...	Spring,	Grace M. Hall,	21	19	\$6 00	8	9
	Fall,	Grace M. Hall,	20	18	6 50	5	13
China Village Primary	Spring,	Eva M. Farrington,	27	22	6 50	4	9
	Spring,	Mabel N. Ward,	17	14	4 50	5	9
China Village Primary	Fall,	Eva M. Farrington,	24	20	6 50	2	13
	Fall,	Ethel A. Wallace,	19	15	5 00	3	13
China Lake ...	Spring,	Bertha L. Webber,	11	10	5 50	5	9
	Fall,	Bertha L. Webber,	12	10	5 50	3	13
Parmenter Hill.	Spring,	Ethel A. Wallace,	12	10	5 50	3	9
	Fall,	Archie Crommett,	12	7	5 50	0	12
Branch Mills ..	Spring,	Vena D. Nelson,	11	10	6 00	5	9
	Fall,	Vena D. Nelson,	13	11	6 00	3	12
Deer Hill	Spring,	Florence Brown,	14	11	5 50	1	9
	Fall,	Florence Brown,	16	12	5 50	0	13
Plains	Spring,	Bessie E. Jackson,	24	19	6 00	0	9
	Fall,	Lura A. Webber,	23	20	6 00	0	8
	Winter,	Grace M. Stone,	14	11	7 50	1	5
Weeks' Mills ..	Spring,	Lenora H. Jones,	29	22	7 50	0	9
	Fall,	Cony D. Webber,	28	18	7 50	0	10
	Winter,	Cony D. Webber,	23	18	7 50	2	7
South China ..	Spring,	Bernice Whitehouse,	20	17	6 00	0	9
	Fall,	Bernice Whitehouse,	14	9	6 00	2	13
Clark	Spring,	Mary W. Clark,	11	11	5 50	3	10
	Fall,	Mary W. Clark,	13	11	5 50	2	12
Hanson	Spring,	Ellen M. Pierce,	11	10	6 25	2	9
	Fall,	Josie Seekins,	11	9	5 50	0	11

The Superintending School Committee at their annual meeting in March, voted that the school year be divided into three terms; but the cost of transportation being so much in excess of former years, it became evident that the winter terms would be exceedingly short. Accordingly, a meeting of the Committee was called in October, the vote reconsidered, and a vote taken to continue the fall terms thirteen weeks, except the Plains and Weeks' Mills. On account of the delay in the repairs on the school house on the Plains, the school began later than the others; and it was thought advisable by the Committee to have two terms, of eight and five weeks, respectively.

By last year's report it may be seen that Weeks' Mills was entitled to four weeks more schooling this year; thus giving them twenty-six weeks. Your Committee, therefore, voted them a fall term of ten weeks and a winter term of seven weeks.

On account of sickness of both teacher and scholars, the Hanson school was closed two weeks before the appointed time. This school will, therefore, be entitled to two weeks additional schooling next year. Parmenter Hill and Branch Mills schools were also one week short on account of sickness. This will be made up next year.

The school register shows that in all the schools except four, the same teachers were employed the entire school year; and that of the twenty-six terms, only three were taught by persons not residents of China.

Notwithstanding the average attendance has been very good (no school falling below the required *eight*); yet irregularity of attendance has been very noticeable in some schools. One of our Truant Officers has performed excellent service in one. If we were all better posted on the requirements of our School Laws our Truant Officers might have more to do in the future. For the benefit of teachers and parents we would

like to make a few quotations from our Maine School Laws. A clause from Sec. 24 reads :

"All persons having children under their control shall cause them to attend school as provided in this Section, and for every neglect of such duty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or shall be imprisoned not less than thirty days."

From Sec. 24. "It shall be the duty of the Truant Officers when notified by any *teacher* that any pupil is irregular in attendance, to arrest and *take* such pupil to school when *found* truant." Sec. 26. "If a child without sufficient excuse shall be absent from school at six or more consecutive sessions during any term, he shall be deemed an habitual truant."

Notwithstanding all these requirements, children are growing up in our own town and leaving our schools almost entirely ignorant of the fundamental principles taught therein. Should we not manifest more interest in the education of our children ?

There is nothing that will so arouse the interest and enthusiasm of a child as a knowledge of the simple fact that father and mother are interested in his progress. We may say we *are* interested ; but do we manifest it in such a way that our children can see it ?

If the school is not what we think it ought to be, let us not discuss it before our children. More schools are failures because of criticism in the presence of our children than from any other cause. We are making another mistake in allowing our children more and higher studies than they are capable of taking. It is not an unfrequent thing to find a class in Algebra or Book-keeping, not one of whom could perform the simplest problems in oral Arithmetic, involving fractions. A serious lack of thoroughness is apparent in nearly all of our schools ; and the teachers are not wholly responsible. Reform must begin in the homes.

In our opinion there is one thing that would help our

children to *see* the importance of thorough work, that is, a return to the study of MENTAL ARITHMETIC.

The most of our teachers, though young, show a remarkable aptness for their work ; and we would like to encourage them to more thorough training for it. While no amount of training can make a good teacher of one who has no natural adaptation for the profession, yet, we must not undervalue the importance of *such* a course as is to be gotten in our NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Transportation.

Our bills for the conveyance of pupils have been enormous ; and will, no doubt, call forth more or less criticism. Your Superintendent has simply followed the instructions of the Superintending School Committee in every particular, but has found it impossible to secure transportation as cheaply as in former years. It is evident that something must be done to lessen the expense in this direction. As the responsibility falls upon the Committee, we would recommend that the town at its next annual meeting take the subject into careful consideration and give some instructions to them.

Text-Books.

"Our school books are costing us too much," is a complaint that is heard on every hand. By allowing pupils to take them all to their homes during vacation we suffer some loss. Families move to distant towns and take their books with them ; two such cases were found in one school this year. Pupils leave the town school but fail to return their books. During this year books have been collected from persons who had not attended school for more than three years, and during that time had married and settled.

We believe it would be conducive to better results if our

books were *all* called in at the close of the school year. If this were done we could very easily keep track of our books; and further, we might be able to get a larger credit for old books. We wish to call your attention to the allowance for *old books*. No matter how old or *dilapidated* they may be, Ginn & Co., make the following

PRICES FOR OLD BOOKS.

Fifth Readers,	15 1-3 cts.	Physiologies,	15 1-6 cts.
Third “	11 1-3 “	Prac. Arithmetics,	15 1-6 “
Large Geographies,	29 1-6 “	Elemen. “	7 “
Small “	15 1-6 “	Grammars, No. 2,	14 “
Histories,	23 1-3 “	“ No. 1,	10 1-3 “

Free High Schools.

Successful terms of Free High School are in successful operation; one at China Village and one at Erskine High School. These are maintained by precincts organized in compliance with our State School Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. JONES,

Superintendent of Schools.

So. China, March 6, 1903.

Report of School Committee

For the Year Ending March 5, 1903.

The Superintending School Committee submit their annual report, covering the past year, and a financial statement of the same. The amount of school money received and expended is found in the Superintendent's report. We have had twenty-three weeks of school during the entire school year.

This year's bill for text-books has been about \$130.00.

We have repaired the school building on the outside on the Plains, so called ; also have expended \$100.00 of the \$150 appropriation on the school building at Dirigo, so called. It needs \$100.00 more expended to make a finished job. Labor and material being higher, we could not get as much done at the present time as we have been able to in the past. It needs a little more land at the school building at Dirigo to set the outbuildings on and for play grounds.

The Committee recommend that the town should either repair or build a new, comfortable school building in the Clark district, so called, to accommodate the scholars in Districts No. 15 and 16. Nearly all the citizens in the southern part of the town know that this old building is not suitable to occupy for school purposes any longer.

Your Supervisor has taken up the question on transportation.

We need for the ensuing year a little larger appropriation for repairs on the several school buildings. More of them should be painted the coming year.

The Committee recommend :

- 1st. That \$1.00 per inhabitant be appropriated for support of schools for the ensuing year.
- 2nd. That \$150.00 be appropriated for text-books, and \$25.00 for supplies. Also that \$200.00 should be raised on the old text-book debt contracted about five years ago for exchange of books.
- 3rd. That \$200.00 be appropriated for general repairs of schoolhouses.
- 4th. That \$20.00 be appropriated for writing books.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HAWES,	} <i>Superintending</i>	
CAPT. J. W. BROWN,		<i>School</i>
E. M. DOWE,		<i>Committee.</i>

China, March 5, 1903.

Board of Health.

Sixteenth Annual Report.

In behalf of the Board of Health, I submit its annual report.

The Board has held quarterly meetings, in May, August, November, and February. There have been reported to us, three cases of typhoid fever in three families; no deaths. One case of consumption; one death. One case of measles. Twenty-two cases of whooping cough. These cases have all been reported to the State Board of Health as the law requires. I find physicians and householders in the east and southeast parts of the town have failed to report many cases of whooping cough as the law requires them to do.

Respectfully,

I. T. MERRILL,

Secretary.

China, March 2, 1903.

VITAL STATISTICS.

List of Marriages Recorded in the Town of China, from March 1st, 1902 to February 28th, 1903.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name of Groom.	Name of Bride.	Residence of Groom.	Residence of Bride.
March 24, 1902,	China, Maine,	Melvin Wixson,	Jennie L. Pottle,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
April 21, 1902,	Windsor, Maine,	Charles M. Hisler,	Lovina A. Curtis,	Somerville, Me.,	China, Maine.
April 27, 1902,	China, Maine,	Charles F. Osgood,	Anna B. Seekins,	Palermo, Me.,	China, Maine.
May 11, 1902,	China, Maine,	Fred S. Malcolm,	Louise M. Winslow,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
May 31, 1902,	Gardiner, Maine,	Myron S. Hammon,	Frances A. Ellis,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
June 22, 1902,	China, Maine,	George H. Freeman,	Carrie R. Norton,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
August 2, 1902,	China, Maine,	Charles H. Gray,	Lottie H. Weeks,	Vassalboro, Me.,	Vassalboro, Me.
August 3, 1902,	China, Maine,	Selden Hurd,	Susie Buzzell,	Benton, Maine,	Benton, Maine.
October 15, 1902,	China, Maine,	Everett Thurston,	Cora Avery,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
October 18, 1902,	China, Maine,	Walter M. Murphy,	Rose Marr,	Bath, Maine,	China, Maine.
October 20, 1902,	China, Maine,	Ernest R. Starrett,	Aurie E. Austin,	Athol, Maine,	China, Maine.
October 22, 1902,	China, Maine,	Lorenzo B. Robinson,	Sarah W. Cotton,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
October 23, 1902,	Palermo, Maine,	Clifton O. Dowe,	Hattie M. Dodge,	China, Maine,	Palermo, Me.
November 5, 1902,	Lynn, Mass.,	George M. Crossman,	Annie Pelle Orcutt,	China, Maine,	Windsor, Me.
November 23, 1902,	China, Maine,	Tim E. Wilson,	Emma Hall,	Benton, Maine,	China, Maine.
January 10, 1903,	Fairfield, Maine,	Charles E. Bailey,	Mabel H. Jepson,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
January 22, 1903,	Windsor, Maine,	William S. Doe,	Carrie W. Emmons,	Windsor, Me.,	China, Maine.
February 8, 1903,	China, Maine,	Forrest B. Hallowell,	Ida E. Colburn,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.
February 12, 1903.	China, Maine,	William Crowther,	Josie Handy,	China, Maine,	China, Maine.

Notice.

TO FRED O. BONNEY, a constable in the town of China, in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine.

GREETING :—In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of China, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the sixteenth day of March, A. D., 1903, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- “ 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- “ 3. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- “ 4. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
- “ 5. To choose Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- “ 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- “ 7. To choose a Collector and one or more Constables for the ensuing year.
- “ 8. To see if the town will vote to choose a Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.
- “ 9. To choose a Superintendent of Schools if the town so votes, and establish pay for same.

-
- Art. 10. To choose a member of the School Committee.
- “ 11. To see if the town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner.
- “ 12. To choose a Road Commissioner, if the town so votes, and establish pay for same.
- “ 13. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
- “ 14. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- “ 15. To see what method the town will take in relation to collection of taxes.
- “ 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repair of roads, bridges, and the breaking down of snow.
- “ 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the poor.
- “ 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
- “ 19. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repair of schoolhouses.
- “ 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of text-books.
- “ 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.
- “ 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to establish a sinking fund for the liquidation of town bonds, and if any, how much.
- “ 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay interest on town

bonds.

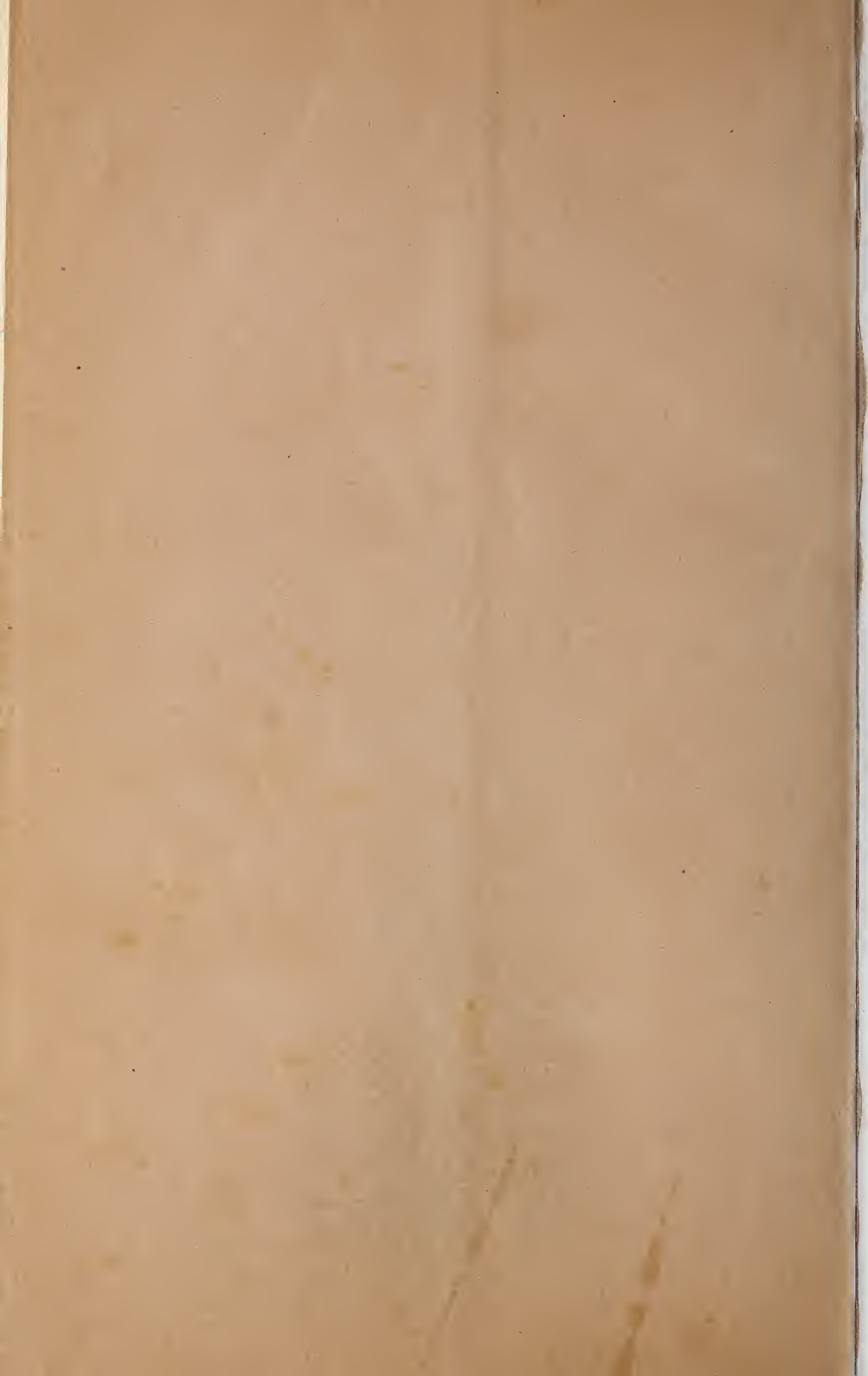
- Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to buy a lot and build a schoolhouse for the use of the inhabitants of late school districts Nos. 15 and 16, to be located near the centre of those districts, and if any, how much.
- “ 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to be divided equally between J. P. Jones Post and A. J. Billings Post, to help defray Memorial expenses.
- “ 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two hundred dollars to be expended together with an equal sum from the State, under an act of the Legislature of the State passed during the session of 1901.
- “ 27. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all cash paid on taxes of 1903, on or before July 1st, 1903, and if any, how much.
- “ 28. To see if the town will vote to have the commitment of 1903, collected on or before June 1st, 1904.

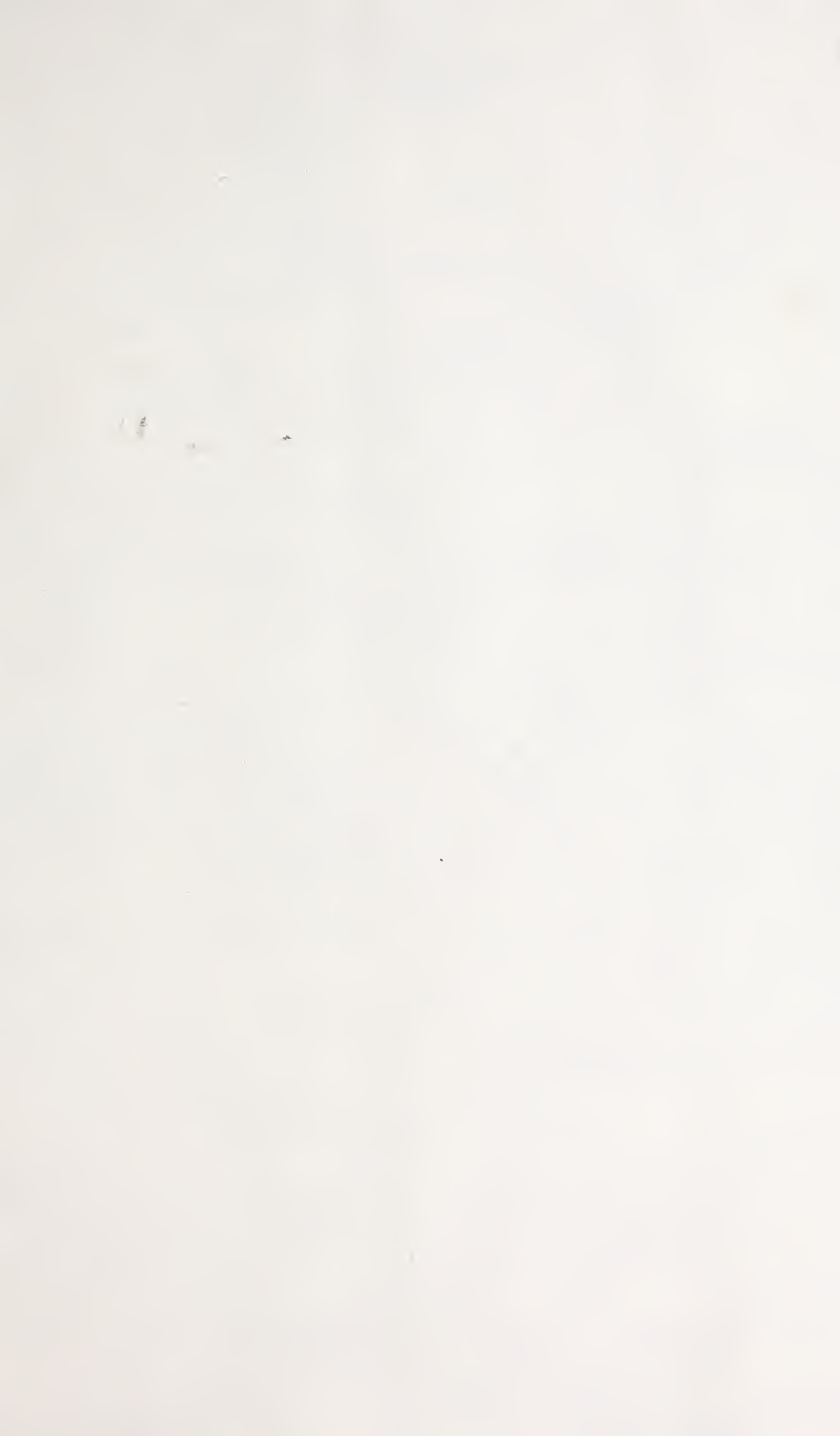
Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doing thereon.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the town house in said town at eight o'clock on the morning of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands, at China this sixth day of March,
A. D. 1903.

A. P. MOSHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
A. R. WARD,		<i>of</i>
I. H. REED,		<i>China.</i>







2/11/2011

T 221016 5 41 00



HF GROUP - IN

